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DELIVER TO GEWICKE BEFORE 9:00 A.M.

1. THIS MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTS STATE 279466. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARIAT PAPER HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FULL CONSIDERATION BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES, THE FACT THAT WE HAVE NOT COMMENTED ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PAPER SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.

2. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT THE SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED TO LIMIT ITS COMMENTS TO THE NTB AREA, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INCLUDE A STUDY OF OPTIONS FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT IN TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS. OECD MEMBER STATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MTN MIGHT BE ADVANCED BY AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN THE OECD, IF THIS CAN BE INCLUDED WITHIN SCOPE OF THE PAPER.

3. IN THE AREA OF SAFEGUARDS, AN ELABORATION OF THE PROS

AND CONS FOR THE MEASURES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 32 WOULD BE A USEFUL ADDITION TO THE DISCUSSION. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW CAREFULLY THE SECRETARIAT SUGGESTIONS ON SAFEGUARDS, WE BELIEVE THAT INJURY CRITERIA CANNOT BE APPLIED DIFFERENTLY TO IMPORTS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES. IF INJURY OCCURS, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO THE DOMESTIC INTERESTS AFFECTED WHETHER IT OCCURS BECAUSE OF IMPORTS FROM DCS OR LDCS. AS NOTED IN PAPER, SAFEGUARDS DISCUSSION RESTRICTED TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS. DISCUSSION OF OTHER POSSIBLE SAFEGUARD MEASURES WOULD ALSO PROVE USEFUL.

4. REFERRING TO SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, WE BELIEVE IT WILL PROVE FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE TO NEGOTIATE PROVISIONS FOR DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN CERTAIN AREAS OF ANY NEW RULES DEVELOPED IN THE MTN. SUCH TREATMENT SHOULD BE GEARED TO THE PARTICULAR SITUATIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO PERIODS LINKED TO ACHIEVING PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES.

5. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES A GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE IS DESIRABLE AND PROVIDES THE ONLY VIABLE WAY WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAN SEE AT THIS TIME OF RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA. WE BELIEVE LDCS SHOULD BE ASKED TO ASSUME THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CODE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BENEFITS. HOWEVER, SOME PROVISIONS MAY BE APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO GIVE LDCS MORE FLEXIBILITY IN BRINGING THEIR PRACTICES INTO ACCORD WITH THE CODE.

6. IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED TIME WE HAVE HAD TO CONSIDER
THE SECRETARIAT PAPER, WE HOPE THAT ANOTHER TCWP
DISCUSSION COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR--BUT
BEFORE THE NEXT TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING. KISSINGER

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